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For President,  
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN  
OF NEBRASKA.For Vice-President,  
ADLAI E. STEVENSON  
OF ILLINOIS.For Congress,  
HARRY L. MAYNARD.

THE LETTER OF HON. H. H. HANNA.

Elsewhere to-day appears a letter from Hon. H. H. Hanna, chairman of the remnants of the Palmer-Buckner aggregation, that will not fail to commend itself to a careful perusal by a public that has come to look upon the efforts of that devoted person to yank the nation's honor out of danger as quite as diverting as Hon. Theodore Roosevelt's ostentatious avowal of proprietary rights in the flag.

Apart from its hearing on the general political situation, there is a particularity in the letter's appeal for Hon. Richard Alsop Wise, who is to "help save the people from the dangers that threaten them," that makes it of special interest to the voters of this district. We had been of the opinion all along that Hon. H. H. Hanna was bent on achieving popular salvation unaided and alone, but we tingle and thrill with unutterable local pride at learning that Hon. Richard Alsop is to scout around the perimeter of this glorious work with no mean solicitude and assiduity.

That the job is not to be an easy one, it will be noted, Mr. Hanna concedes with an alacrity which, if not cheerful, is certainly frantic. Democrats will really be indebted to Mr. Hanna for this specific and detailed information. He says they will gain three Congressmen in North Carolina, one in Kentucky, two in Indiana, one in Missouri and one in Texas. He might have added that they will also gain one in the Second district of Virginia, but that would not have been particularly encouraging to the citizen hereabouts to "bend his back in another effort to resist the wrong with which the demagogue would threaten us." After a careful perusal of his letter we are of the opinion that Hon. H. H. Hanna is prepared to at least break even on wrongs and demagogues, but we shall not press the matter.

What we would particularly emphasize is the fact that Mr. Hanna practically concedes the House to the Democrats. And it looks like he is shaving pretty close to the line, too. The flap-doodle and the squawk of simulated terror that follow Mr. Hanna's admission that the Democrats stand to gain eight Congressmen need not be considered. They are in Hon. H. H. Hanna's best manner, which means that each is the pearl of its kind.

To the man up a tree—to any man not freighted with the terrible responsibility of preserving "our stability and continuity of purpose"—what is most striking in Mr. Hanna's appeal is the tacit admission that the people are so reluctant to be saved from the frightful calamity that looms dark and fearsome in the Hanna imagination. In spite of all, they seem bent on kicking down at least eight of the bulwarks that stand between them and ruin, and plainly there are fears that Hon. Richard A. Wise will be the ninth tower of safety to fall with a more or less dull and sickening thud.

In the meantime the public will be interested to note who will spring forward to "organize the business men

to battle against foolish fallacies." And by all means send Hon. H. H. Hanna the names of at least ten of the wavering ones. Who would deprive him of the privilege of writing ten letters? Who, forsooth, would hamper a patriot whose back is bent with the whole weight of his country's future? Room and names for Hon. H. H. Hanna! All the same it pains us to learn that confiding person has been led to waste his fervor on numerous citizens of this town who will answer his question, "Can we depend upon you?" with a chill and emphatic negative.

## KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS.

One of the ablest expositions of the leading issue of the campaign that has yet appeared is the paper on "Imperialism," by William Baird, in the September number of the Conservative Review, a new quarterly published at Washington, D. C. Referring to the frequently repeated argument that the American people will permit no change in their form of government, the writer says: "The ceremonials, the trappings, the paraphernalia of a free constitutional system may remain, but it was long ago discovered, as Burke tells us in a passage weighty with thought, 'that the forms of a free, and the ends of an arbitrary government, were not things altogether incompatible.'"

The writer states so clearly a fact the Virginian-Pilot has pointed out before that we cannot forbear to quote the passage:

"The genuine imperialistic spirit is already discernible, especially in the large cities; its habits, manners, and sentiments are growing daily; the gulf which separates the two extremes of civilized society becomes constantly wider and deeper; the spirit of monopoly increases apace, while corporate wealth and greed sigh not in vain for new worlds to conquer. Imperialism, it must be remembered, is yet in its infancy; its steps are hesitating and tentative; it does not dare call itself by its true name, but it covers under harmless-sounding aliases. Nevertheless, it may be known by its fruits, immature as they are. Extravagant flattery of the Chief Executive, a disposition to identify the Administration with the country, and to denounce opposition to its policy as want of patriotism; profuseness of expenditure, and indifference to the heavy burdens thus imposed upon the people; a tendency to extend the benefit of the 'divinity' that cloth hedges a king, to delinquent officials and to cover with the mantle of the imperial purple the shortcomings of courtiers; a peculiarly exasperating censorship of the press which, not content with the suppression *vero*, goes on to wholesale *supra* *verbo* falsi, and not only withholds, but manufactures intelligence. Are there not here *indicia* of the beginnings of that system with which history has made us only too familiar? If these things are done in the green leaf, what may we not expect in the dry?"

What, indeed? And yet will any observer declare that the writer has either misread conditions or overstated the case? In the mouths of the imperialistic cabal is not every man a traitor who presumes to oppose Mr. McKinley's policy of aggression? Do we not hear adulation of him daily that would have cloyed Augustus himself? Is not the country still growing under war taxes two years after the war was ended, that the President may spend millions in playing an ambitious role in the far East? Are not Greeley and Rathbone still unwhipped of justice, though their guilt was made plain months ago? Has there not been a persistent suppression of facts and a deliberate falsification of dispatches by the censor at Manila? We have the evidence of every press correspondent in the Islands to that effect. If these things have come into being in the short space of two years, is it safe to infer that the American people are too democratic to fear fear Imperialism?

## THE ANALOGY WILL NOT HOLD

Replying to a recent declaration of the Virginian-Pilot that government without the consent of the governed cannot be practiced with safety by the United States, the valued Charlotte Observer is moved to say:

"The Virginian-Pilot should know that in saying that it is treading upon North Carolina toes. We of this State have just made arrangements to govern a lot of people without their consent, and in doing this we had the warrant of the Federal government's example in the dealings with the Indians, Alaskans and Hawaiians. The 'consent of the governed' argument may do in some localities, but it doesn't go in North Carolina, and when we are asked if we deny 'that when this shall come to pass a long step toward the downfall of the republic will have been taken,' we answer unhesitatingly that we do."

The Observer will pardon us for saying that we do not believe it takes any more stock than the Virginian-Pilot in the alleged analogy between the government without the consent of the governed involved in the adoption of a constitutional amendment limiting suffrage in a State, and the government without the consent of the governed as we have it in the Philippines. If it comes to that, there are 6,257,198 Democrats in this country who have been governed for about three years and a half now, without their consent, by a Republican Administration. Verbal quibbling, however, cannot obscure the fact that the rule of the majority in a State, even when it extends to the limitation of the right of suffrage, in accordance with the fundamental law, is vastly different from the forcible and bloody imposition of dominion upon 10,000,000 people inhabiting their own country, thousands of miles away from the boundary of the United States. It, asserting that the latter is wrong and dangerous to be tread upon the toes of any who practice the former, surely such practitioners must be equipped with an abnormal and highly inconvenient expanse of foot.

The contention of the Observer is not at all new; we have had it from Mr.

McKinley, from Mr. Roosevelt, from half the Republican conventions of the country. This was not surprising. It is surprising, however, to find it in the columns of the Charlotte Observer, whose taste certainly does not run to demagoguery.

## ORGANIZE DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

Chairman Ellyson is urging that a Democratic club be organized in every precinct in the State. There is no section of Virginia in which thorough and efficient organization is more necessary than in this Congressional district, and the Virginian-Pilot again urges that this matter be taken up vigorously and systematically. Considerable good work has already been done along this line, but much remains to be done—and the time is short.

As we have previously pointed out, the situation in this district has been complicated by the nomination of a third ticket, and while there is no reason to apprehend a very large vote for Mr. Flynn, it will come mainly from the Democratic party. Under these circumstances it is necessary that there shall be throughout the entire district organized and concerted effort to poll the full Democratic vote. The best possible way to do this is to organize Democratic clubs.

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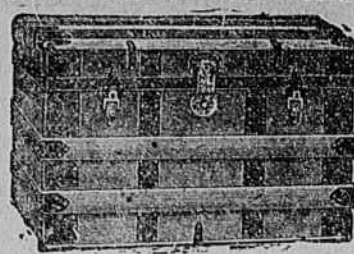
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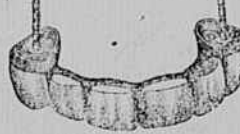
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